BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2011-294-C

In the Matter of the Application of)
Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone)
for Designation as a Non-Rural Wireless)
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL

Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone ("Budget Phone" or the "Company") respectfully submits this Motion for Expedited Approval of its Application ("Motion") and requests that the Commission approve its Application in this Docket on an expedited basis. As set out herein, Budget requests that the Commission waive the hearing currently scheduled for August 23, 2012, consider Budget's Application on an expedited basis, and approve its Application. In support of its Motion and request for expedited consideration, Budget respectfully submits the following:

- 1. Budget initially obtained authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina, following a hearing before the Commission, in Docket No. 1999-512-C, via Order Number 2000-289 issued on March 24, 2000.
- 2. Budget subsequently obtained authority from the Commission to provide interexchange (IXC) services on March 19, 2003, via Order No. 2003-163 in Docket No. 2002-291-C.
- 3. Budget has previously been designated as a wireline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC"), following a hearing before the Commission, in Docket No. 2009-276-C, by Order No. 2010-25 issued on January 19, 2010.
 - 4. Budget filed the instant wireless ETC application on July 21, 2011.

- 5. The return date in this docket passed without intervention from any party other than the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS").
- 6. Budget filed the Direct Testimony of David Donahue with the Commission on September 14, 2011. Budget has also filed a Verification of Mr. Donahue's Direct Testimony.
- 7. Budget and the ORS have entered into a Stipulation in this Docket, and the Stipulation has been filed with the Commission.
- 8. Budget filed the Verified Supplemental Testimony of David Donahue with the Commission on July 17, 2012.
- 9. As shown in the Stipulation, there are no disputed issues between the parties, and the Stipulation, testimony and exhibits that have been filed previously with the Commission constitute a complete record for consideration by the Commission.
 - 10. The hearing in this Docket is currently scheduled for August 23, 2012.
- 11. As described above, and as is demonstrated by the Commission's files, Budget has appeared before this Commission twice in the context of a formal hearing.
- 12. Furthermore, Budget previously has received designation from this Commission as an ETC.
- 13. Moreover, the ORS, as set out in the Stipulation previously filed with this Commission, supports Budget's request to be designated as a wireless ETC, and counsel for the ORS has indicated that ORS does not object to the relief sought in this Motion.
 - 14. Accordingly, Budget waives its right to a formal hearing in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone, respectfully requests that the Commission 1) waive the hearing scheduled to take place on August 23, 2012; 2) mark and admit the above-referenced Direct and Supplemental Testimony, exhibits, and the

Stipulation into the record, 3) grant expedited consideration of Budget's Application; 4) designate Budget as a non-rural wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and 5) grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day, one (1) copy of the **Motion for Expedited Consideration** by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service (unless otherwise specified), with proper first-class postage affixed hereto and addressed as follows:

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